

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

NOTICE OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE RATES)
OF KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY)
EFFECTIVE ON AND AFTER SEPTEMBER 8,)
1981)

CASE NO.
8314

O R D E R

On the 18th day of August, 1981, Kentucky-American Water Company filed its Notice with the Commission wherein it proposes to increase its rates for water service rendered on and after the 8th day of September, 1981.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that a hearing and investigation will be necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such investigation cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That the proposed rates, charges and classifications be and they hereby are suspended and the application of the rates is deferred for a period of five months on and after the 8th day of September, 1981.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this case be and it hereby is set for hearing on the 21st day of September, 1981, at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Kentucky-American Water Company shall publish once a week for three consecutive weeks in an newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the areas in which it serves

a notice setting forth the place, date and hour and the general purpose of the hearing, the format of the publication to be conspicuous, and one of said notices to be published not more than 21 days or less than seven days prior to the hearing as required by KRS 424.130.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Kentucky-American Water Company shall either (1) include the proposed rates in the newspaper publication, or (2) at least 20 days prior to the date of hearing mail to each customer a typewritten or printed notice of the proposed rates and the place, date and hour of hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the mailing of a typewritten or printed notice shall not obviate the requirement of newspaper publication set forth in the third ordering paragraph.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the publication or the mailing of the proposed rates shall include the following language:

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company. However, the Public Service Commission may, after evidentiary hearings, order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in an increase in rates for consumers other than those rates included in this notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Kentucky-American Water Company shall file on or before the date of hearing its testimony in verified prepared form.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter in the event the proceedings in this case shall be terminated by

final Order and/or otherwise prior to the termination of the five month period of suspension.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of August, 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Martin M. Voth
For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary